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SUBJECT: NATO WORK PROGRAM FOR DEFENSE SUBJECTS, DRC MEETING JULY 2,
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BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING MEETING JULY 2, DRC OUTLINED FUTURE DRC
AND EWG WORK PROGRAMS ARISING FROM DPC MINISTERIAL, AGREED TO
REQUEST ACCELERATED PREPARATION OF ECONOMIC AND MILITARY
ASSESSMENTS RELATING TO MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE FOR NEXT FORCE
PLANNING CYCLE, AND SUBSTITUTED RATIONALIZATION FOR MILITARY
BALANCE AS A DISCUSSION TOPIC IN PROGRAM B OF 1975 DEFENSE
PLANNING WORKSHOP. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING JULY 2 DRC MEETING, CHAIRMAN (ASYG HUMPHREYS) MADE
FOLLOWING INTRODUCTORY REMARKS ABOUT DRC AND EWG FUTURE WORK
PROGRAMS.

A. DRC SHOULD DEVELOP KEY ELEMENTS OF MINISTERIAL
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GUIDANCE FOR DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL REVIEW/APPROVAL.

B. IS, WITH EWG GUIDANCE, SHOULD DEVELOP GENERAL OUTLINE
OF SCOPE FOR SPRING 1975 AD-70
REPORT BY DECEMBER.

C. BASIC ISSUES SUBJECTS SHOULD BE HANDLED IN THE COURSE OF THE FALL DEFENSE PLANNING REVIEW.
D. RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION WORK SHOULD AWAIT REVIEW OF THE NEW US MATRIX.
E. CNAD HAS MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTINUING STANDARDIZATION EFFORTS, ALTHOUGH STANDARDIZATION WILL BE CONSIDERED IN FALL DEFENSE REVIEW.

2. SIGNIFICANT DRC DISCUSSION ON ELEMENTS OF DRC AND EWG WORK PROGRAM FOLLOW:

A. NEW BASIC ISSUES. US REP (BGEN BOWMAN) CITED EXISTING REQUIREMENT FROM AD-70 SPRING REVIEW FOR REPORTS ON THREE NEW BASIC ISSUES (ELECTRONIC WARFARE, MOBILE AIR DEFENSE, AND MODERN AIR-DELIVERED MUNITIONS) IN TIME FOR DECEMBER MINISTERIAL. HE ENCOURAGED REPS TO SOLICIT NATIONAL BRIEFINGS/ REPORTS ON AREAS OF SPECIAL NATIONAL EXPERTISE AND SUGGESTED PARTICULAR UTILITY OF POSSIBLE UK AND FRG BRIEFINGS ON MOBILE AIR DEFENCE. HE SAID BRIEFINGS SUCH AS THOSE ON ANTI-TANK PLANS ALLOWED USEFUL EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AMONG NATIONAL PLANNERS AND HELPED TO INSURE THAT NATO WOULD END UP WITH BALANCED DEFENSES RATHER THAN WEAK SPOTS IN KEY CAPABILITIES DUE TO VARIATIONS IN NATIONAL PROGRAMS. SEVERAL COUNTRIES INDICATED INTENT TO PROVIDE REPORTS BY NATIONAL EXPERTS. US REP DREW ATTENTION TO IMPORTANCE OF SHAPE'S ONGOING EFFORTS ON STANDARDS FOR MODERN AIR-DELIVERED MUNITIONS. CHAIRMAN INVITED SHAPE AND SACLANC TO PRESENT EW BRIEFING FOR EWG AT FIRST CONVENIENT DATE.

B. ORIGINAL BASIC ISSUES. US REP SAID EWG NEEDED TO FOLLOW UP ON EXISTING REQUIREMENTS THAT SHAPE COMPLETE STUDY ON CONSUMPTION RATES AND STANDARDS FOR WAR RESERVE STOCKS; THAT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES REPORT ACCEPTANCE OF WAR RESERVE STANDARDS OR REASONS FOR REJECTION BY DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL; THAT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES CONSIDER MEASURES BEYOND A ONE-FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT OF ANTI-TANK WEAPONS AND PROVIDE REPORTS TO THE EWG; THAT THE UK IN COORDINATION WITH THE US COMPLETE STUDY OF AIRCRAFT SHELTER REQUIREMENTS IN THE UK; AND THAT SHAPE TECHNICAL CENTER (STC) REACTIVATE STUDY ON AIRBASE DEFENSE. DRC AGREED TO PRE-CONFIDENTIAL

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PARERE REPORTS ON THESE ACTIONS IN DECEMBER AND TO ASK SHAPE TO REACTIVATE AIRBASE DEFENSE STUDY.

C. RATIONALIZATION. HUMPHREYS SAID EWG REVIEW OF US MATRIX WAS NEXT STEP IN RATIONALIZATION PROGRAM. US REP SAID HE EXPECTED US MATRIX WOULD BE RELEASED SOON AND RECOMMENDED REPS REVIEW IT FOR PARTICULARLY WORTHWHILE AREAS OF RATIONALIZATION AS WELL AS POSSIBLE ADDITIONS. HUMPHREYS SAID EWG WOULD REVIEW REPORT FROM LOGISTICS SUBGROUP AND LIST OF ADDITIONAL NATIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR RATIONALIZATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH US MATRIX. FRG REP EMPHASIZED BONN DESIRE THAT RATIONALIZATION BE DEFINED IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT WOULD NOT BE USED FOR SHIFTING DEFENSE BURDENS AND REDUCING DEFENSE

SPENDING.

D. FLEXIBILITY. HUMPHREYS CITED SECDEF SCHLESINGER'S WRITTEN REMARKS FOR THE JUNE 14 MINISTERIAL RECORD WHICH INCLUDED A PROPOSAL FOR SACEUR TO DEVELOP A PLAN BY WHICH CENTRAL REGION FORCES COULD BE USED TO REACT TO THREATS WHEREVER THEY OCCUR. MC REP SAID GENERAL DEFENSE PLAN (GDP) ALREADY EXISTED AND THAT IF US HAD SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND, SACEUR NEEDED MORE SPECIFIC TERMS OF REFERENCE AND ASSUMPTIONS. US REP SAID US WANTED TO ACHIEVE GREATER FLEXIBILITY, I.E., COULD A REFORGER DIVISION OR AN FRG DIVISION FROM SOUTHERN GERMANY BE MOVED TO MEET A THREAT IN THE NORTH. IF THIS WERE NOT THE CASE, US REP SAID SACEUR REPORT SHOULD INDICATE STEPS NEEDED TO MOVE TOWARD FLEXIBILITY SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH A SINGLE NATIONAL COMMAND WOULD POSSESS. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, US REP SAID FLEXIBILITY OBJECTIVE RELATED TO LAND, SEA AND AIR FORCES, BUT INITIAL REPORT SHOULD COVER CENTRAL REGION.

E. STANDARDIZATION OF ARMAMENTS. US REP AGREED WITH HUMPHREY' STATEMENT THAT MAJOR ACTION REMAINED WITH CNAD, BUT NOTED THAT EWG ALSO RETAINED AN INTEREST SINCE THIS WAS A KEY SECTION OF THE AD-70 REPORT. HE ASKED THAT CNAD SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT IN TIME FOR DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THOSE MAJOR AREAS SPECIFIED DURING JUNE 1974 MINISTERIAL. CNAD REP (STONE) SAID NATO DEPENDED ON NATIONS TO CARRY OUT STANDARDIZATION CALLED FOR IN AD-70 REPORT AND THAT A MARITIME STANDARDIZATION RECOMMENDATION MAY BE PREPARED IN TIME FOR DECEMBER MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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US REP REPLIED THAT A REPORT ON PROGRESS WAS NEEDED IN DECEMBER TO SERVE AS A REPORT CARD FOR MINISTERS ON HOW WELL THEY HAVE LIVED UP TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT THEY PLACED ON THEMSELVES IN DECEMBER. CNAD REP AGREED THAT SUCH A REPORT WOULD BE USEFUL.

F. COMMUNICATIONS. US REP ASKED THAT EWG ASK NATO JOINT COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONIC COMMITTEE (NJCEC) TO PREPARE STATUS REPORT FOR DECEMBER MINISTERIAL ON INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS, AS A FOLLOW-UP TO AD-70 SPRING REVIEW.

G. MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. HUMPHREYS SAID DRC SHOULD COMPLETE KEY ELEMENTS OF REVISED MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE BEFORE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL; CITED IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSESSMENTS TO THIS GUIDANCE; AND ASKED WHETHER NMA'S AND NATO ECONOMIC COMMITTEE COULD ACCELERATE ASSESSMENTS. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE REP (LAULAN) RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY; MC REP AGREED TO TRY TO HAVE MILITARY APPRECIATION BY NOV 15. SHAPE REP SAID FORCE PROPOSALS FOR NEXT PLANNING CYCLE WERE ALREADY BEING DRAFTED AND REQUESTED REVISIONS TO MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UK AND CANADIAN REPS SAID THEY AGREED WITH DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION FOR KEY ELEMENTS OF GUIDANCE BUT SUPPORTED FINAL APPROVAL OF TOTAL MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE DURING

SPRING 1975. HUMPHREYS ASKED REPS TO QUERY CAPITALS FOR NATIONAL POSITIONS ON MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, PARTICULARLY ECONOMIC FACTORS, FOR DRC CONSIDERATION.

H. REVISED FORCE PLANNING PROCEDURES. HUMPHREYS ASKED THAT ANY PROPOSALS FOR REVISING FORCE PLANNING PROCEDURES BE SUBMITTED IN TIME FOR DISCUSSION IN JULY (SEPTEL). MC REP SAID THAT AT A FUTURE DATE MC WOULD RECOMMEND REVISED SCHEDULING TO PERMIT MORE TIME FOR MC RISK ASSESSMENT OF DRC-VALIDATED FORCE PLANS AND MORE TIME TO REVIEW MNC'S FORCE PROPOSALS. SACLAN AND SHAPE REPS SAID THEY WERE CONSIDERING PROPOSALS TO LENGTHEN FORCE PLANNING PERIOD TO 10 YEARS, BUT EMPHASIZED PRELIMINARY NATURE OF THEIR DELIBERATIONS.

3. HUMPHREYS SAID DRC DISCUSSION WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR PO ON FUTURE WORK PROGRAM TO BE ISSUED ABOUT JULY 5. PO WILL BE CONSIDERED BY DPC PERM REPS IN ABOUT 10 DAYS.

4. US REP CONFIRMED ACCEPTANCE OF OBERAMMERGAU AS SITE FOR
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1975 DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP. DRC ACCEPTED US PROPOSAL TO SUBSTITUTE "RATIONALIZATION" FOR "CONFLICTING VIEWS ON MILITARY BALANCE" AS A DISCUSSION TOPIC FOR PROGRAM B OF THE WORKSHOP.
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